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**Energy Sector**

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *May 08, US Newswire* — **Energy Secretary Abraham notes decline in gasoline prices; summer driving season will cost consumers much less than planned.** The Energy Information Administration (EIA), the independent statistical arm of the U.S. Department of Energy, **has revised its projection for summer gasoline prices, evidence of a downward trend in which average summer gasoline prices are projected to be 1.46 per gallon — this would be a drop of nearly 25 cents.** In fact, regular gasoline prices have declined for 7 weeks in a row, down from their March 17 peak of \$1.73 per gallon. **"This lower gas price forecast is a positive sign for the U.S. economy,"** Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said.

"Although gasoline is still above the 5-year average, our projections have now moved below the prices Americans experienced in the summers of 2000 and 2001, a significant benefit to consumers."

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_national.htm?SMDOCID=comtex\\_2003\\_05\\_08\\_us\\_0000-4830-KEYWORD.Mississippi](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=comtex_2003_05_08_us_0000-4830-KEYWORD.Mississippi)

2. *May 08, Reuters* — **California regulators adopt energy master plan.** California energy regulators on Thursday narrowly approved an energy master plan designed to help the state guard against the blackouts and price spikes that marked the 2000–2001 energy crisis. **The "Energy Action Plan," promoted as a first-of-its kind effort to unify energy planning in the state, was endorsed on a 3-to-2 vote by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).** CPUC President Michael Peevey hailed the plan as "a very aggressive program" for California's energy future and touted its focus on renewable power sources like wind, solar and biomass, along with conservation programs to ensure a bright energy future for the nation's most populous state. But Lorreta Lynch, former CPUC president, voted against the plan, lauding its goals for environmentally sound electricity but warning it includes controversial steps the commission has not yet approved. She was joined by commissioner Carl Wood. **The plan, sanctioned earlier by the California Power Authority and the California Energy Commission, aims to cut consumer demand through conservation, build up to 2,000 megawatts of new plant capacity a year and add renewable energy to strengthen supplies — power for 2 million homes.**

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_national.htm?SMDOCID=reuters\\_pma\\_2003\\_05\\_08\\_eng-reuters\\_pma CALIFORNIA-REGULATORS-ADOPT-ENERGY-MASTER-PLANa](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=reuters_pma_2003_05_08_eng-reuters_pma_CALIFORNIA-REGULATORS-ADOPT-ENERGY-MASTER-PLANa)

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

3. *May 09, Associated Press* — **Capital air patrols are scaled back.** Combat air patrols over the nation's capital, which were increased for several weeks after the start of the war against Iraq, have been scaled back, officials said Thursday. **Without explicitly saying that air patrols had been eased, the Air Force on Thursday announced that pilots and maintenance experts from the 388th Fighter Wing returned to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, on Wednesday and Thursday.** A spokesman for the 388th, 2nd Lt. Vernon Thompson, said 13 F-16s that returned to Hill on Wednesday had been based at an undisclosed location on the East Coast to provide continuous air coverage over Washington for about six weeks.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-war-dc9may09.1.493511.story?coll=la%2Dheadlines%2Dworld>

4.

*April 29, General Accounting Office* — **Homeland defense: preliminary observations on how overseas and domestic missions impact DOD forces.** The General Accounting Office has released a report detailing some preliminary observations on how homeland defense is impacting American defense forces. The GAO found that it is too early to assess the adequacy of DOD's new management organizations or plans but has concluded that some forces may not be tailored for their domestic missions. **DOD established an Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and U.S. Northern Command to plan and execute domestic missions. U.S. Northern Command's plan for domestic military missions was developed before DOD officials had agreed on the nature of the threat. Forces are not adequately tailored for some domestic missions, and readiness could erode because of it.** For example, Air Force fighter units deployed since September 11, 2001 to perform combat air patrols are unable to also perform required combat training. Overseas and domestic missions are stressing U.S. forces as measured in personnel tempo data. **To prevent erosion in combat capabilities, DOD issued orders, known as stop loss, to involuntarily retain critical personnel.**

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03677t.pdf>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

5. *May 11, Reuters* — **U.S. Treasury chief vows 'hunt' for Iraqi cash.** Treasury Secretary John Snow said on Sunday the United States would relentlessly pursue a worldwide search for Iraqi assets believed spirited away by members of former President Saddam Hussein's government. **Snow said some \$1.7 billion in Iraqi assets had been found in the United States, and between \$1.2 billion and \$1.5 billion "elsewhere in the world."** "We know where some of it is," he said. "... We're also on the hunt for the Iraqi regime monies." "The Treasury Department is really in the forefront of trying to search down, trace, track and find that money," Snow said. "Because that money belongs to the Iraqi people. It will go back to them." Washington has charged that the ousted Iraqi leader and his family took about \$1 billion from the Iraqi central bank shortly before the start of the U.S.-led invasion in March.  
Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N11355285.htm>

6. *May 09, Boston Globe* — **Police seek two men linked to ATM scam.** Boston police are looking for two men suspected of stealing more than \$70,000 in an elaborate ATM scam in which they have allegedly managed to siphon personal information and withdraw money from other people's accounts. The men, whose faces were recently captured on surveillance cameras, have allegedly been stealing the card information from users in towns such as Needham and Westwood, said Boston police Deputy Superintendent Joe Driscoll. **The suspects have used the information to make their own cards, which they then used to withdraw cash at ATMs in Boston, he said. In the scam, as described by authorities, the lock to the ATM door is taped open. A scanning device is placed on the machine, over the slot where the card is normally inserted, to record the victim's card number. A camera, sometimes enclosed in a black or gray box, is also attached above the keypad to record the victim's PIN number.**  
Source: [http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/129/metro/Police\\_seek\\_2\\_men\\_linked\\_to\\_ATM\\_scam+.shtml](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/129/metro/Police_seek_2_men_linked_to_ATM_scam+.shtml)

7. *May 08, eWEEK* — **Hacker targets bank customers.** A hoax e-mail purporting to come from First Union Bank and attempting to dupe recipients to visit a malicious Web site is making the rounds on the Internet. **The e-mail arrives from the address bankaccount@firstunion.com and informs the recipient that the bank has lost the recipient's online banking username and password.** It directs users to a Web site where they are encouraged to enter their usernames and passwords. However, **simply visiting the site triggers an automatic download of the Backdoor-AMQ Trojan horse program to the visitor's machine. Backdoor-AMQ is a well-known application that gives an attacker the ability to remotely control infected machines.** Officials at Wachovia Corp., in Charlotte, NC, which now owns First Union, said they first became aware of the scam in mid-April are trying to determine who is sending the e-mails.  
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.3959.1068224.00.asp>

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## **Transportation Sector**

8. *May 10, The Washington Times* — **Explosives laws could extinguish July Fourth fireworks.** The nation's Fourth of July celebrations are being threatened by the railroad industry's refusal to transport fireworks and other explosives. **The industry says the money it makes from hauling explosives is not worth the legal risk under new federal regulations. The rules, issued in February, would double the number of background checks railroad and other transportation companies must do on employees.** "The railroads feel it subjects them to potential criminal liability and that's not something they're going to do," said Tom White, spokesman for the Association of American Railroads, the trade group for the nation's largest railroads. **About 80 percent of the nation's commercial explosives are transported by rail. In addition to fireworks, explosives are used, among other things, for mining and civil engineering. They represent a \$650 million-a-year industry. At least 23 containers of pyrotechnic-display fireworks are sitting at West Coast ports, Bengt Henriksen, president of the Unaffiliated Shippers of America, said in comments filed with the federal Department of Transportation.** In response to the rail embargo, fireworks-display companies are being forced to arrange alternate transportation by truck, which is raising their shipping costs by as much as \$8,000 per container.  
Source: <http://www.washtimes.com/business/20030510-40724452.htm>

9. *May 10, New York Times* — **Shuttle services facing hard times. Falling demand has prompted Delta Air Lines and US Airways to scale back their hourly weekday schedules for the first time in the decade that they have offered shuttle flights between Boston, New York and Washington. The first time, that is, other than immediately after the September 11, 2001, attacks.** Now, travelers sometimes must wait up to two hours for a flight. And though the airlines say that they still keep planes standing by to handle overflow crowds, Delta recently watered down its shuttle guarantee: passengers denied a seat because of overbooking are promised another flight within a half-hour, rather than 15 minutes. **These days, shuttles with pared-down service have to compete for businesspeople who are migrating to tele- and video-conferencing and to Amtrak trains.** For some loyal fliers, the attraction of the shuttles could be wearing thin.  
Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/10/business/10AIR.html?ex=105\\_3579385e6a9c294](http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/10/business/10AIR.html?ex=105_3579385e6a9c294)

10. *May 10, Associated Press* — **Rail line in Houston receives approval.** Federal regulators have approved construction of a nearly 13-mile rail line through the southeast Houston area called Clear Lake despite strong objections from local officials. The Surface Transportation Board in Washington on Friday voted unanimously in favor of the \$85 million rail line. A final environmental impact statement was released for the project last week, the last step in a nearly three-year environmental review process. **The line's supporters, including the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company and four chemical companies, say it is needed because the Union Pacific Railroad is the only one serving the Bayport area. The new line, which would run from the Bayport Industrial District on the Houston Ship Channel to Clear Lake, would generate competition and allow chemical companies to reduce transportation costs.** The City of Houston is considering appealing the ruling or challenging the project in court. Last year, the Houston City Council adopted a resolution opposing the proposed route for the line. **Local officials criticized the decision on the line, which would run near an elementary school, several residential areas and a park.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/11/national/11RAIL.html>

11. *May 09, Associated Press* — **Tornadoes maul state; train derailed. Straight-line winds may be to blame for a train derailment near Matfield Green, Kansas, which caused a hazardous sulfur dioxide leak, forcing the evacuation of 15 homes.** The Burlington Northern Santa Fe train, headed from Dayton, Texas, to Galesburg, IL, derailed in a rural area about five miles east of Matfield Green at 5:55 p.m., said Steve Forsberg, a spokesman for the railroad. A string of 28 cars in the middle of the train jumped the tracks as the train was slowing to a stop after dispatchers told the crew about a tornado warning in the area, Forsberg said. Both the Chase County Sheriff's Department and Forsberg said weather may have been a factor in the derailment, and the National Weather Service reported strong, straight-line winds — but not a tornado — in the area. **Forsberg said the sulfur dioxide was leaking from a derailed car. The train of 118 cars also included six loads of liquid petroleum gas, but none of those cars were leaking,** Forsberg said.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/news/5820095.htm>

12. *May 09, Associated Press* — **Plane loses door over Congo, hurling more than 120 to their deaths.** The rear door of a cargo plane burst open over Congo, hurling more than 120 soldiers, their wives and children to their deaths while others survived by clinging to the aircraft as it returned to the airport, officials said Friday. **The plane, a Russian-built Ilyushin 76, lost its door at 33,000 feet about 45 minutes after takeoff Thursday night from Kinshasa, the capital of the central African nation,** said government spokesman, Kikaya Bin Karubi. **Two officials at the airport in Kinshasa separately told the Associated Press that at least 129 people were feared dead.** Survivors described being battered by swirling baggage and cargo as the cabin lost pressure. The flight crew managed to fly the plane back to the capital. **It was not known how many people were on the plane or whether they had seats or seatbelts. People in Africa often travel on modified cargo planes that have few seats, leaving most passengers to cram in among their belongings in the rear of the aircraft. It was not immediately known why the door came open. The weather was clear. There was no suggestion of sabotage.** The plane's owner was not immediately identified. The logo says "Ukrainian Cargo Airlines."

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/news/archive/20>

13. *May 09, The Atlanta Journal–Constitution* — **Lawmakers say airline pilots being armed too slowly.** The federal program to arm commercial airline pilots is moving too slowly for some members of Congress. **Only 44 U.S. pilots have received handgun training to defend the cockpits of their planes from hijackers. That number alarmed some on the House transportation and infrastructure subcommittee, which heard testimony on the issue Thursday.** The Transportation Services Administration "must accelerate its efforts to train and deploy more armed pilots," said Chairman John Mica (R–FL) who last year helped push the Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act. Mica argued for pilots of cargo planes to be armed as well, calling the exclusion of cargo pilots from the program "a gaping hole in aviation security." **Other members of the subcommittee criticized the slow pace of the Flight Deck Officer Program, saying it has become burdened with unnecessary bureaucracy, including psychological examinations for applicants.**

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/content/news/0503/09pilotguns.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

14. *May 08, Reuters* — **Senate approves air cargo bill.** The U.S. Senate approved legislation on Thursday to strengthen air cargo security, including a plan to let pilots of cargo–only aircraft to voluntarily carry guns on duty. Almost 22 percent of all air cargo travels on commercial passenger flights. The Senate bill would cover goods carried by those planes and cargo–only airlines. **The Senate legislation would require inspections of cargo facilities and a better system for tracking shippers. It would also require the federal government to work with other countries to conduct regular checks at facilities overseas where cargo bound for the United States is handled. The bill would also make cargo–only airlines develop a security plan for their facilities, operations and personnel that include background checks, and tamper–proof employee identification cards.** The Transportation Security Administration would be granted the authority to revoke the license of any shipper whose practices are unsound or illegal.

Source: <http://reuters.com/financeNewsArticle.jhtml?type=governmentFilingsNews/a>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

15. *May 09, Bloomberg* — **Germany may have first case of bird flu. Authorities in Germany ordered the culling of 95,000 poultry after detecting what may be the first incidence of bird flu.** An initial check tested positive among broilers on a farm in the village of Schwalmtal in the state of North Rhine–Westphalia, close to the border with the Netherlands, where the virus broke out in February, the Environment ministry said. The result of a final test is expected in four to seven days, it said. "We have taken a number of precautions to contain the disease," Carolin Koenig, the ministry's spokeswoman, said. **Apart from the culling, no live poultry or hatching eggs will be moved in the entire state for the time being."**



Source: <http://quote.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000087UtMK1Enews>

16. *May 09, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **Another elk herd being destroyed after CWD traces. State animal health officials announced another Wisconsin elk herd that had exposure to animals with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is in the process of being destroyed.** On Tuesday, the state agriculture department killed about half of the 180 animals. The rest of the herd will be destroyed once more carcass storage space becomes available. Officials say one of the elk tested positive for CWD in March after being purchased from a Minnesota farm, which later found to be infected with the fatal disease. The state is collecting the brain stem samples from each of the killed elk for CWD testing. The carcasses of negative animals will be landfilled.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=559&yr=2003>

17. *May 08, Associated Press* — **Tests confirm avian flu in Providence market. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) said Thursday tests have confirmed a moderate form of avian influenza in a commercial poultry flock in Rhode Island. It's the second location in the state where the disease has been found.** The first was at Little Rhody Egg Farm in Foster. The tests were conducted at the National Veterinary Laboratory in Iowa from samples collected at a live poultry market in Providence. The name of the market was not released. The flu is a concern for poultry farmers. It produces respiratory, intestinal and neurological symptoms in birds and many of those infected die from the disease. **DEM said the owner of the market has killed the infected birds and cleaned the premises.**

Source: <http://www.turnto10.com/news/2190805/detail.html>

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## **Food Sector**

18. *May 08, Health Scout News* — **Pesticide poisoning raises food safety concerns.** More than 90 people were sickened earlier this year when **a supermarket employee laced roughly 200 pounds of ground beef with a nicotine-based pesticide.** No one died, although one person went to the emergency room with heart trouble in the incident, which occurred at a Family Fare store in Grand Rapids, MI. Dr. Matthew Boulton, Michigan's state epidemiologist, says **the case underscores the difficulties health officials face in policing the nation's food supply at the retail level.** Surveillance systems can certainly alert us to infectious contaminations and then we can rapidly intervene. But in a situation like this, it would have been difficult for public health workers to have done anything different. It's very difficult for us to control malicious acts," says Boulton.

Source: <http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/health/content/shared-auto/healthscout/food/513125.html>

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## **Water Sector**

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*May 08, Associated Press* — **Senate passes aquifer protection bill.** With Michigan beefing up attempts to protect its lakes, rivers, and groundwater, the state Senate on Thursday unanimously approved a bill designed to get a better handle on the state's water resources. **The bill would require the state to prepare an up-to-date inventory of groundwater and draft a map of the state's water within two years of the bill's enactment. The bill also would increase water-use reporting fees for large industrial and processing facilities from \$50 to \$100.** Agricultural irrigation facilities which pumped more than 100,000 gallons a day would either have to register with the state Department of Environmental Quality and pay the fee or submit a water use conservation plan with the Department of Agriculture. **The bill also calls for a special advisory council to help lawmakers protect groundwater and work out conflicts over water use.**

Source: <http://www.detnews.com/2003/politics/0305/08/politics-159220.htm>

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## **Public Health Sector**

20. *May 08, Dartmouth Medical School* — **Clue to prion formation found, offers step toward treating puzzling diseases.** Dartmouth Medical School biochemists studying the mysteries of prion particles have discovered a novel step in their formation. Their results could help provide a new approach for therapy against prion diseases. The cause of certain neurodegenerative diseases has long stymied scientists. **The variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans which is linked to bovine spongiform encephalopathy or mad cow disease; as well as, scrapie in sheep and chronic wasting disease in deer and elk are transmissible.** A normal brain protein called PrPC misfolds into the prion protein called PrPSc. **The researchers created a system to study the conversion into PrPSc in a test tube. "We found that we could inhibit this conversion with compounds that block free sulfhydryl groups," said Dr. Surachai Supattapone, assistant professor of biochemistry and of medicine. Moreover, it may be a first step of a logical approach to find a therapeutic strategy.**

Source: [http://www.dartmouth.edu/dms/news/2003\\_h1/08may2003\\_prion.sh tml](http://www.dartmouth.edu/dms/news/2003_h1/08may2003_prion.sh tml)

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## **Government Sector**

21. *May 09, New York Times* — **Senate deal ends effort to extend antiterror act.** In an agreement finalized over the last week, Senator Orrin G. Hatch, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, dropped his effort to extend some investigative provisions of the 2001 Patriot Act legislation, which are scheduled to expire in 2005. As a result, **the Senate voted 90 to 4 to approve a measure expanding the government's ability to use secret surveillance tools against terrorist suspects who are not thought to be members of known terrorist groups.** Under current law, federal officials must establish a link to a foreign terrorist group in order to secure or request a secret warrant.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/09/international/worldspecial /09TERR.html>



## **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report.

## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

22. *May 09, Federal Computer Week* — **PITAC nominees strong in cybersecurity. President Bush announced May 8 that he plans to appoint 25 new members to the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC), which offers advice on maintaining America's dominance in advanced information technologies.** The panel provides information to the president, Congress and federal agencies involved in IT research and development, and helps guide the Bush administration's efforts to accelerate the development and adoption of IT policies for the nation. Its members are leading IT experts from industry and academia, many of whom have worked in or with the government. **"These appointments come at a critical time for our economic security and our homeland security, particularly in the area of cybersecurity," said House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY).**

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0505/web-pitac-05-09-03.asp>

23. *May 08, Associated Press* — **Three charged in Ericsson spy investigation in Sweden. Three Swedish employees of wireless equipment maker LM Ericsson face espionage charges, Swedish prosecutors said Thursday. Afshin Bavand is accused of handing over secret company information to a Russian intelligence agent, while Mansour Rokkgireh and Alireza Rafiei Bejarkenari are accused of helping him gather the information. "If these company secrets have been given away, it is my opinion that it may cause harm to the overall defense or to the security of the country," chief prosecutor Thomas Lindstrand told The Associated Press. But Ericsson spokesman Henry Stenson said the espionage involved the company's commercial telecommunications systems, and not its military-related work.**

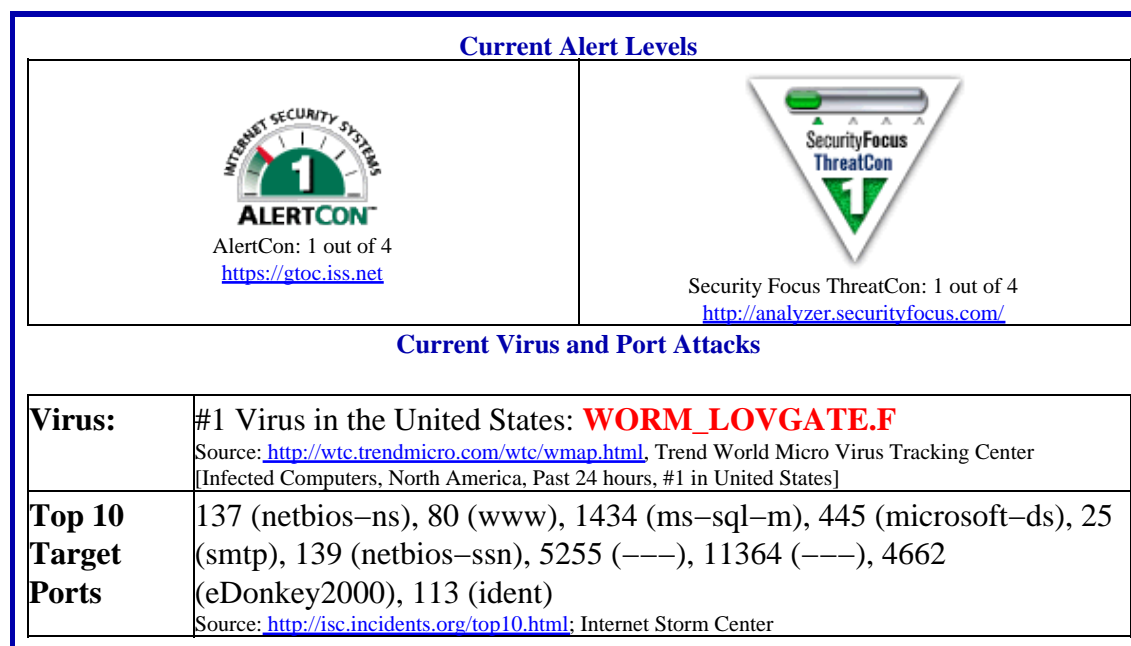
Stockholm-based Ericsson also makes radar systems for defense programs worldwide, including for the JAS-39 Gripen fighter planes made by Sweden's Saab and Britain's BAE Systems.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2003-05-08-ericsson\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2003-05-08-ericsson_x.htm)

24. *May 08, IDG News Service* — **Cisco reports VPN vulnerabilities. Cisco on Wednesday warned customers of three vulnerabilities in its Cisco 3005, 3015, 3030, 3060 and 3080 VPN (virtual private network) Concentrators and the Cisco VPN 3002 Hardware Client.** In one of the vulnerabilities, an interloper could access systems on a private network from a workstation on the public network without any form of authentication. Another vulnerability can be exploited to carry out a DOS attack on the VPN concentrator. In the third vulnerability a flood of malformed ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) packets could cause a performance degradation on the concentrator or cause it to restart. **Workarounds and an upgrade are available on the Cisco Website:**

<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/cisco-sa-20030507-vpn3k.shtml>

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## General Sector

**25. *May 12, New York Times* — Explosion kills at least 30 in Chechnya. A truck bomb ripped through the compound of the pro-Moscow government in northern Chechnya on Monday, killing at least 30 people and wounding 70 others, officials said.** The blast, coming on the first working day following a series of state holidays, underlined the violence that continues to roil Chechnya even as the Kremlin claims the more than 3½-year-old war with rebels is winding down and normal life returning. Maj.-Gen. Ruslan Avtayevev, the chief of the Chechen branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry, said **the blast completely destroyed the two-story building housing the office of the Federal Security Service, the intelligence agency that is leading Russia's campaign in Chechnya, in the town of Znamenskoye. It also damaged four nearby administrative buildings.** At least 30 people were killed, said Avtayevev and Sultan Ahmetkhanov, the head of the Nadterechny region, where the blast occurred. Seventy people were hospitalized, Avtayevev said. Ahmetkhanov said eight residential houses were also damaged.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A43854-2003May 12.html>

**26. *May 11, Associated Press* — Week of tornadoes kills dozens in midwest.** The barrage of twisters that ripped across the nation's midsection marked the most active week of tornadoes on record, meteorologists said as they sized up a wave of storms that left 44 people dead from Kansas to Georgia. **Storms pelted several states on Saturday, although they weren't as severe as some of the earlier turbulent weather. One powerful system swept across central Illinois, damaging homes, tearing down tree limbs and pelting the region with hail.**

**Tornadoes were reported in at least 10 counties, but no major injuries were reported.** The deadly tornadoes began early in the week in Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee, followed by two rounds of twisters in the Oklahoma City area Thursday and Friday. Storms combined with straight-line wind, lightning and floods as they reduced hundreds of homes and businesses to splinters and piles of loose bricks. **"We just don't have a down day; that's what's been very unusual," said Rich Thompson, lead forecaster at the Storm Prediction Center of the National Weather Service, in Norman, OK. "It just doesn't seem to stop."**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A41520-2003May 11.html>

27. *May 11, Associated Press* — **Cleveland suspect had training, grudge.** The man accused of a shooting spree at a prestigious Ohio university had military training with the Indian army and a grudge against an employee, authorities said on Saturday. **Biswanath Halder, 62, allegedly killed one person, wounded two others and held police at bay for seven hours Friday in a shiny, swirling building filled with twisting corridors that complicated his capture.** Armed with two handguns, Halder wore a bulletproof vest and a wig glued on "a kind of World War II Army helmet" as he walked the halls of Case Western Reserve University's Peter B. Lewis Building and fired hundreds of rounds, police Chief Edward Lohn said. Authorities said 93 people were trapped inside the building for hours, hiding in offices, classrooms and closets. **Halder, who suffered a gunshot wound to the shoulder, was released into police custody on Saturday. The suspect graduated from Case Western in 1999 with a master's degree in business administration and had recently sued a university computer lab employee who was in the building but escaped during the standoff, university president Edward Hundert said.**

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/ny-usshot113278134may11.0.3326351.story?coll=ny-nationalnews-headlines>

28. *May 09, New York Times* — **Germany indicts Moroccan on murder charges in 9/11 case.** A Moroccan man accused of providing logistical support to the September 11 suicide pilots was indicted on murder charges on Friday by German prosecutors. **The man, Abdelghani Mzoudi, 30, is the second person suspected of belonging to al Qaeda to be charged in connection with a Hamburg-based terrorist cell that investigators say had a central role in the September 11 plot.** Mzoudi faces 3,066 counts of accessory to murder, reflecting the approximate death toll from the 9/11 attacks in the United States. The indictment on accessory charges is a significant step in German prosecutors' investigation of the Hamburg cell. **Lawyers close to the case had said that they expected Mzoudi to be indicted on lesser charges of supporting a terror group. Motassadeq's conviction and maximum sentence may have emboldened prosecutors.** "The accused was aware of the group's aim to carry out terrorist attacks and supported the planning and preparation of the attacks," prosecutors said in a statement. Under German law, prior and detailed knowledge of a crime is necessary for accessory charges.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/09/international/europe/09CND-HAMB.html>

29. *May 09, Associated Press* — **Officials probe ID theft of blood donors.** As many as 1,400 people might have had their Social Security numbers and other personal information stolen while they were giving blood last winter, officials said. **The four drives were conducted by the American Red Cross in November and December across southeastern Pennsylvania. Already, federal investigators have identified 23 of the roughly 1,400 donors as victims of**

identity theft, officials said Thursday. Their personal information was used to obtain credit and make purchases. The others have been notified by the Red Cross that their personal information also may have been "compromised" because of a "breach of donor record confidentiality." Red Cross spokeswoman Susan Snyder Sponar said the nonprofit group has no reason to believe its computer systems were breached but declined to elaborate on how the information could have been acquired. Sponar said the federal investigators contacted the Red Cross about the link in the cases.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A34469-2003May 9.html>

30. *May 01, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation* — **Homeland security: funding primer.** There are over 100 agencies in 12 federal Departments outside of the DHS that contribute to homeland security. Of the \$41.3 billion FY2004 budget request for homeland security, \$23.8 billion, or 57.7% is for the Department of Homeland Security's homeland security programs. The Department of Defense would receive the second largest portion of the FY 2004 federal homeland security funds, \$6.7 billion. **In FY 2003, one-third of the Department of Homeland Security's \$36.1 billion budget request, or \$12.2 billion, is designated for non-homeland security missions. Therefore, the DHS budget request for homeland security activities is \$23.8 billion, a \$4.7 billion increase from the \$19.1 billion the DHS is spending on homeland security activities in FY 2003.**

Source: <http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/terrorism/primer.pdf>

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